

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
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February 20, 2014
Howard County, Maryland
Department of Housing and Community Development
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 3rd Floor
Columbia, MD 21046
410-313-6018

These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Howard County, Maryland.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 17, 2014 Howard County, Maryland will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA) as amended to undertake Relocation Activities associated with the Beechcrest Mobile Home Park. The project activities will include the payment of eligible relocation benefits under the Uniform Relocation Act (i.e. rental assistance, rent differential, moving costs, down payment/closing costs) as well as physical actions on the site (i.e. dismantling of vacated mobile homes, disconnection of utilities, and installation of fencing, debris clearing). The total project cost is **estimated** to be \$1,500,000.00. The project is located at 9750 Washington Blvd. Laurel, MD 20723.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Howard County, Maryland completed the required environmental assessment and determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive 3rd Floor, Columbia, Maryland 21046 and may be examined or copied weekdays between 8:00A.M. and 5:00P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development, Attn: Angela D. Frantom, Grants Administrator, at the above noted address. All comments received by Monday, March 17, 2014 will be considered by Howard County, Maryland prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Howard County, Maryland **certifies to HUD that Ken Ulman, in his capacity as County Executive, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.** HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Howard County, Maryland's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Howard County, Maryland; (b) Howard County, Maryland has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD at:

**US Department of Housing and Urban Development
Baltimore Office
City Crescent Building
10 South Howard Street, 5th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201-2528**

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ken Ulman, County Executive